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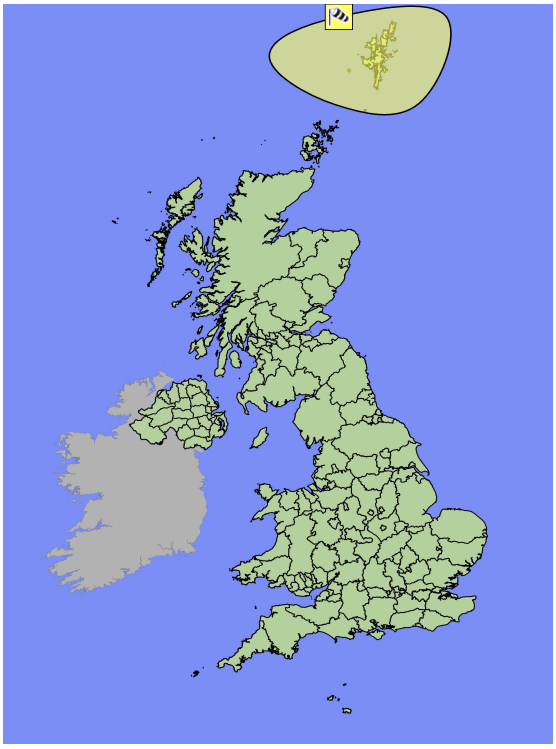

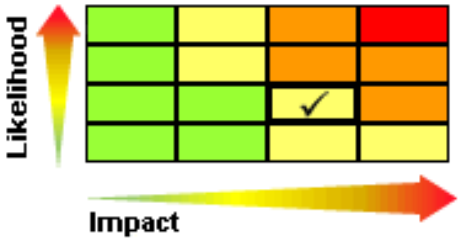

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An active frontal system will move northwards across Shetland later on Friday and through Saturday which is likely to be accompanied by severe gales. There remain some uncertainties regarding the timing of this weather system. Whilst there is relatively high confidence for the likelihood of very strong winds, considerable uncertainty surrounds the risk of snow.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Fri, 14th Dec 2012** until **18:00 on Sat, 15th Dec 2012**

East to southeast winds will steadily increase during Friday with gusts of 70-80 mph likely by Friday evening and lasting for a time into Saturday. Winds should slowly ease through Saturday. In addition, there could be a period of snow which may give accumulations of a few cm accompanied by drifting, with blizzard conditions possible, especially on high ground, before turning to rain.

The public should be aware that there could be disruption to transport.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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